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SPORTS

Vikings survive late surge by Bucks



Grayling had a double-digit lead for most of the game, but the Vikings had to fight through a fourth quarter surge by the Roscommon Bucks to win their season opener – a non-conference varsity boys basketball game played at Roscommon High School last Monday – by a final score of 75-67.

The Vikings led by nine, 24-15, after one quarter. Grayling had a 45-32 advantage at half-time. The Vikings had a 12-point lead (58-46) going into the fourth period.

"I thought our kids played very well offensively in the first half. We attacked gaps and did a great job of distributing the ball in transition and in our half-court offense. I thought our defensive pressure did a nice job of frustrating Roscommon and creating some easy scoring opportunities," Coach Rich Moffit said. **11A**

GHS wins wrestling tournament at Manton



Grayling High School's varsity wrestling squad finished first out of 11 teams at the Manton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 12. The Vikings finished with 190.5 team points, with 11 wrestlers placing in the top four in their respective weight classes.

Joe White (125) and Kyle Peters (heavyweight) won their weight divisions at Manton. **12A**

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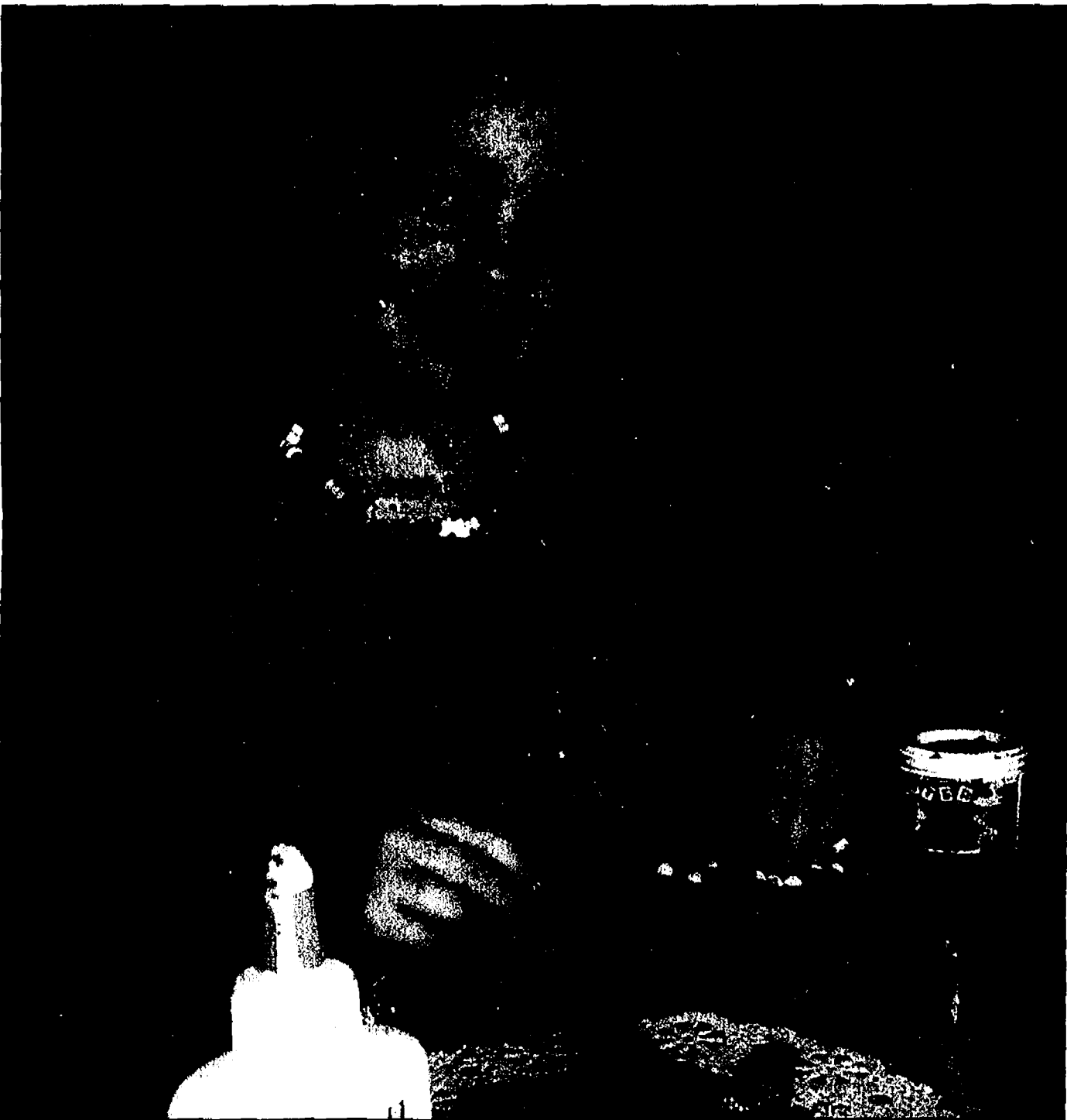
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool hosted a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday at the American Legion Hall. Above, Nelle Olson, Caleb Doe and Kyle Doe are pictured with Santa after telling him what they wanted for Christmas. Below, Paige Clark makes a gingerbread craft during the event.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



State "suspends" school budget cut

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An anticipated cut in school funding for the Crawford AuSable School District was left in limbo by state lawmakers last week.

State officials, last week, kept plans for a \$165 per student for schools in the state, which accounts for \$300,000 less for the Crawford AuSable School District.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said state budget planners did not eliminate a second cut to school budgets, which was announced in October, but suspended the swing of the budget ax. The second cut was for \$200,000 for the school district.

Powers said that state lawmakers are waiting for the January 2010 tax revenue conference to determine how much income the state brought in over the last quarter of 2009.

Powers, however, said there hasn't been any new revenues identified for the school aide fund, so he expects the cut will eventu-

ally go through.

"I feel like we're the yo-yo," Powers said of schools in the state.

Powers said local officials are cynical when it comes to reports from Lansing on school budgets.

"It means we are very cautious about information we get from state and theoretically we will make no changes," he said.

If the second round of cuts go through, Doug Pratt, spokesman Michigan Education Association, predicts it will be as much as \$600 less per student for some schools.

"Every community is going to end up dealing with that differently," Pratt said. "There are some that were already in deficit going into this. There are others that are sliding into a deficit because of it. This is a turning point in Michigan, and our leaders need to step up and find solutions that are going to work."

Teachers have done their part, Pratt said, by agreeing to salary and health care concessions that have saved the state over \$1 billion in

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Four-way light will return

City works to get signal for intersection at Maple Street, Michigan Avenue

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While Christmas lights abound around Grayling for the holiday, Grayling City officials are hoping to clear up some red tape in Lansing to bring back some green, yellow and red lights to a busy intersection.

The City of Grayling is in the process of purchasing the traffic signal light, which was placed at the intersection of Maple Street and Michigan Avenue, from the State of Michigan.

The light was placed at the intersection in the spring when construction got underway on the I-75 Business Loop to help detour traffic through the community.

Shortly after the light was put in place, residents complimented city officials regarding the light for easing the flow of traffic through town and allowing children a safe passage to schools.

Earlier this month, the Grayling City Council approved an \$8,500 budget amendment to purchase the light.

After construction on the I-75 Business Loop was completed, Michigan Department (MDOT) of Transportation officials changed the light to a four-way stop because they did not want to subject the state to liability for accidents. The city also had four stop signs placed at the intersection.

MDOT wanted to have the light taken down, which would have forced the city to pay the cost to have it put back in place.

"I thought that was rather ridiculous because we could expedite this transaction more quickly," said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

The city is now waiting for a Michigan Attorney General's opinion to address the liability of transferring the light to the city.

"It seems odd that we have to wait for an AG's opinion since it's going to be our light and it's a local street," said Grayling Mayor Karl Schreiner.

In addition, the city has to pay to have an engineer review the location of the light, review the condition of the equipment and make a recommendation on the timing of light. Finally, the city will have to prove that no federal or transportation funds are being used to pay for the light.

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Digging out ... Having fun



Mother Nature walloped Crawford County with heavy snowfall last week to bring in the winter season and plenty of white stuff for Christmas. John Boris, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service Station based south of Gaylord, said Crawford County received 10 to 20 inches of snow from early Tuesday through Friday morning. Above, Randy Flowers digs out the end of his driveway on Spruce Street in Grayling. Above right, Jasmine Denton makes a snow angel in the snow in front of her home. Denton also helped make a snow fort with her sister, Jacalyn Denton and friends Emily Thomas and Hannah Thomas. The Crawford AuSable School District schools were closed on Wednesday and Thursday last week.

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'A Time for Giving'



The Crawford County Library System is sponsoring a canned and non-perishable food drive. The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library is collecting food for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, and the Frederic Community Library is collecting for the Frederic Food Pantry located at the Frederic Elementary School. Children who attended the "A Time for Giving" programs at the Devereaux Memorial Library and the Frederic Community Library decorated the large boxes for the drive. "Contributions have been generous, but more is always needed," said Connie Meyer, the Frederic Community Library branch librarian. Above, Clyde Holzbauer, volunteer for the Frederic Food Pantry, inventories some of the food donated at the Frederic Community Library.

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The Minards received the civil infractions for an incident that took place with their pit bulls on July 18, 2008. James Vernon Gardiner, who lives near the Sherwood Forest Subdivision, was riding his mountain bike south from Pollack Bridge Road. Gardiner left the roadway at the intersection of Tomahawk Trail and Little John Avenue and turned to

travel on a dirt trail, which runs parallel to the railroad tracks. Gardiner said the two dogs aggressively approached him barking. He sprayed a water bottle at the dogs, put his bike in front of him as a shield and eventually fended them off with a stick as he backed into a yard of a nearby home before their owner called for the dogs. Gardiner said he was going to be chewed up or bitten by the dogs and felt extremely fortunate that he was not hurt in the incident.

The Minards paid \$275 in civil infraction fines for tickets issued by Crawford County Animal Control Officer Gail Foguth. On Nov. 26, 2008 the Minards were summoned into court for a show cause hearing to determine why the dogs should not be considered dangerous and euthanized.

Former Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor Dave Sabin represented the county. Foguth testified at the hearing and testimony from Lt. Col. Gardiner, the assistant post commander at

Camp Grayling, was taken while he was serving in Iraq.

Burmeister determined the dogs were dangerous animals. He ordered Foguth to seize the dogs and put them in the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. The initial date to euthanize the animals was set for Dec. 18.

Burmeister was forced to issue a stay on the court order to euthanize the pair of Staffordshire Terriers on Jan. 7, 2009, after the Minards hired Grayling attorney Miranda Bailey to appeal the case in Crawford County Circuit Court.

46th Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy vacated the euthanasia order on Oct. 5, 2009.

Murphy remanded the case back to Crawford County District Court for further consideration and directed Burmeister to review any new evidence in the case under Dog Law of 1919 and Dangerous Animals Act as one issue instead of viewing elements of the laws separately.

Grayling Attorney Todd Nye, whose law firm was appointed as special prosecutors for the case, opted to gather more proof for the county's case by seeking the evaluation from Major.

Bailey objected to the evaluation, noting certified dog trainer Tracy Holland of Cheboygan has evaluated the dogs. The dogs were also evaluated by training instructor David Lemunyon, the owner of the Last Resort Training, in Bay City. Burmeister overruled the objection.

Bailey asked for the dogs to be evaluated at the animal shelter to keep the dogs safe from traveling, but Burmeister also overruled that objection. He said Foguth would transport the dogs to Major's facility in Gaylord.

"I don't think the dog's safety will be impacted by that," Burmeister said.

Finally, Bailey's request that Major's evaluations be

video taped or to have the Minards or a third party present was also not approved.

Nye said the Minards would have the opportunity to review Major's protocols and practices once they receive his evaluation report.

"Unless somebody wants to move into his kennel for two days, I don't think that's practical," Nye said.

Burmeister gave the Minards until Jan. 15, 2010 to hire their own expert to evaluate the dogs after they receive Major's evaluation.

Burmeister said that Holland could not be used as an expert witness to evaluate the dogs since she has been deemed not to be a credible witness. Holland had testified as a witness in a previous Crawford County court case regarding pit bulls.

When contacted by a Crawford County Avalanche reporter, Major referred questions to Nye, saying he didn't want to be subjected to information about the dogs or the case until he does the evaluation.

"My evaluations have to be objective - not subjective," Major said.

Bailey was allowed to withdraw as the attorney representing the Minards. She said outstanding legal bills caused a breakdown in the attorney client relations to where she could no longer represent the Minards effectively.

The Minards said they believe county resources could be better utilized instead of making them jump through another hoop to get the dogs back.

"It's a waste of taxpayer's money and everything else," Ken Minard said.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said it has cost \$100 per month to keep the dogs at the shelter. He added that the county has only been billed \$150 for special prosecutors for the case.

Dawn Minard said funds used to pay for the evaluation and to keep the dogs at the animal shelter for over a year could have went to fund the school liaison officer for the Crawford AuSable Schools.

"I think we should get the dogs and quit spending money on stuff like this," she said. "I think somebody needs to be questioned on their job."

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Sheriff receives Patriot Award

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and nine military retirees were among the individuals honored at the 14th Annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner held on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Camp Grayling Officers Club.

Sheriff Wakefield was the recipient of the Colonel Dennis D. Hull American Patriot Award which is presented annually by the Michigan Army National Guard to a community or business leader who demonstrates unselfish commitment and dedication to the military forces working and training at Camp Grayling.

Nine members of the Michigan Army National Guard who retired from the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center during this past year were recognized for a combined accumulated 220 years of military service.

The soldiers honored were Captain Jeffrey T. Jennette (22 years); Captain Neal L. Horning (20 years);

Sergeant First Class Dennis Labissiere (28 years); Sergeant First Class Dennis S. Palmer (31 years); Sergeant First Class Larry R. Domcik (28 years); Sergeant First Class Calvin R. Witherspoon (29 years); Sergeant Donald D. Edwards (22 years); Sergeant Jeffery S. Christner (20 years); and Private First Class Alan V. Wynkoop (20 years). Each retiree was presented various awards for their military service and their spouses each received a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation.

Three State of Michigan employees retiring from Camp Grayling State were also honored for their dedicated years of service: Mr. Lyle Barnes (31 years); Mr. Steven Haines (36 years); and Mr. Kerry Harwood (25 years).

Also being recognized at the dinner were the Camp Grayling Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Sergeant First



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Class Michael Hoag and the Michigan Employee of the Year, Mr. Ernie Morris.

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the last few years.

In Pratt's view, it is not a spending issue, but a prob-

lem of generating too little revenue.

"Michigan gives out \$6.3 billion more in tax incen-

tives than it actually takes in, in taxes," he said. "So the first thing the legislature really needs to do is look at

those incentives and make sure that we're getting the best bang for our buck."

Library News

"Teen Movie Night" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. The program will include the hilarious film "Mall

Cop" starring Kevin James. Call Connie at 348-9214, to sign up.

"Festive Fun in Frederic" will be held at the Frederic Community

Library on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. There will be Christmas stories, crafts and snacks. Call 348-4067 to sign up.

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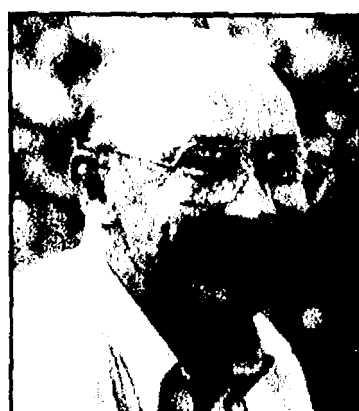
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Cost of Christmas song gifts rises slightly



IT COMES AS no surprise that it would cost a bundle this year for a lovesick swain to please his true love under the prescription of a venerable Christmas-time song, but not a whole lot more than it cost last year.

To provide all the gifts that "my true love gave to me" during the 12 days of Christmas in 2009 would cost \$87,403, which is up only \$794 from last year's price tag of \$86,609.

That's the total cost for all the items given for the entire 12 days, which start on Christmas and finish on the eve of Epiphany on January 5.

Buying just one of the items for each of the days reduces the price to a mere \$21,466, up from \$21,081 last year. For a longer range comparison, when PNC Wealth Management first started the "12 Days" Christmas Price Index in 1984, the single-item price tag was \$12,623.

Partridges are fairly inexpensive, but the song requires only one of those. Turtle doves don't cost too much either, especially for only two.

The cost of hiring people and their repeat performances, however, really runs up the tab quickly — nine ladies dancing at \$5,250 a performance, 10 leaping lords for \$4,414 plus 11 pipers at \$2,285 and 12 drummers at \$2,475 each time.

The five gold rings aren't that big a deal either, although the price jumped 43 percent in a year from \$350 to \$500.

ORIGINS OF the holiday song itself are murky, and sometimes controversial.

Not much can be documented of when the song actually began or what it means, or where and how it began.

Some forms of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as we know it now in the United States appear to have been around since the 1500s, originating in England ... or France.

One version is that it originated as a religious ditty to train young Catholics in the basics of their faith when Catholics were in disfavor and persecuted in England.

The one "partridge in a pear

tree" referred to Jesus Christ. The two "turtle doves" were the two books of the Bible, and so on: three divine virtues of faith, hope and charity; four gospels of the New Testament; the first five books of the Old Testament Pentateuch; six days of creation; seven sacraments; eight beatitudes; nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; 10 commandments; 11 faithful apostles; 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

Critics who do not accept a religious origin contend no basis in fact or history can be found for that interpretation.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" sometimes is traced to an old-time parlor game used as an ice breaker in mixed company, sort of like "Spin the Bottle." A leader starts recitation of the gifts, day by day, and if contestants miss or mix up some word in repetition, they "forfeit" something like a candy or a kiss.

Other interpretations figure "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is merely silly nonsense, to be sung or recited as just plain fun ... or a children's ditty designed to

entertain and neither to educate nor to advance social or religious ends.

THE FIRST KNOWN printed form of the song appeared in England in 1780, in a children's book titled "Mirth Without Mischief."

An English composer, Frederick Austin, registered a melody for the work in the early 20th century.

Various British versions used a variety of gifts. The "five gold rings" may refer to five gold ringed pheasants, which makes the first part of the song all about birds, which would make sense.

It also adds to the chances that the song originated in France, because pheasants were not introduced into Great Britain until late 1700s, which is after the song first appeared.

Some versions used "colly or collie" birds, which means coal black birds, instead of "calling birds" and some use mocking birds. Other sometime differences are "nine dames a dancing" and "10 fiddlers fiddling."

IN PARTS OF France, the song seems to center on food and feasting, and calls for "good stuffing without bones, two breasts of veal, three joints of beef, four pigs' trotters, five legs of mutton, six partridges with cabbage, seven spitted rabbits, eight plates of salad, nine dishes for a chapter of canons, 10 full casks, 11 beautiful full breasted maidens, and 12 musketeers with their swords."

A Scottish version lists parrots, plovers, a grey goose, starlings, gold spinks, a brown bull, laying ducks, stalks of corn, hunting hinds, and an Arabian baboon.

In any version, and in any language, and although it's one of the most parodied songs around, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is popular, catchy holiday music, with a long but rather uncertain past.

Each of us is free to give it our own personalized twist. At its core, it still says Happy Holidays!

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Avoid becoming victim of warm-up car theft

"During the extreme cold Michigan has been experiencing recently, there is increased temptation to start your vehicle and go back inside to let it warm up," said Sheriff Wakefield. "The problem is that crooks may target people who do this."

Crooks have been known to patrol neighborhoods looking for unoccupied running vehicles. They may work in teams, with one person driving the car and the passenger prepared to jump out when an unattended, running vehicle is spotted. Some thieves target only unlocked cars, but others will break out a window, if

necessary.

If warming up your car is absolutely necessary, Wakefield recommends you invest in a remote car starter. These are designed to allow your car to start and warm up without a key, but disable the vehicle if anyone tries to put the car in gear before inserting the key.

If a remote car starter is not an option for you and you insist on staying inside your home while your car warms up Wakefield recommends you follow these important tips:

Keep a watchful eye on your car from inside the house.

Make sure you have a backup key so you can lock the door to your car.

Don't keep your warm-up key on a ring with your house keys. If you do, the thief will also have access to your home.

If you leave your car running in the garage, partially close the garage door. This will still allow exhaust fumes to escape but serve as a deterrent to the thief.

"It is very easy to avoid falling victim to this crime," said Wakefield. "By remaining with you vehicle during warm-up, you will deter thieves who are looking for an easy mark."

Letters to the Editor

Notice about upcoming events would be helpful

To the editor:

Many times I would've liked to know about upcoming events at Hartwick Pines and about the tour of Camp Grayling. Why is it that your paper almost always prints stories about past events but rarely about upcoming events, so that a person can make plans to attend some of these func-

tions? Can't you get these event planners to notify you in advance of the event? Sorry to complain, but I have missed many very interesting activities because I didn't see any notification while reading my subscription of your paper.

Skip Sharp
Grayling

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words. Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication.

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On this day, also known as the Winter Solstice, the Sun is farthest South. It is also the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, being that there are only 9.5 hours of daylight in some places.

Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th. The Avalanche will re-open on Monday, December 28th at 9am.

Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 31, 2009 Avalanche will be on newsstands on Wednesday, December 30th, 2009. Deadlines for the December 31st issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 24th at noon
Community News: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon
Classified Display Ads: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 29th at noon

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Community News: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon
Classified Display Ads: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 5th at noon

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Briefs

Baby Closet will be open this week

The Crawford County Baby Closet will be open on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. The Baby Closet serves children newborn through 3 toddler. If you have any questions, contact Rose Mary at 348-2985.

Children's Christmas Party to be held

The American Legion Post #106 will hold their annual Children's Christmas Party for children 12 and under on Saturday, Dec. 19, for ages 8 and under from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and ages 9 and over from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, drawings and raffles, free ice cream, drinks and doughnut holes, free stuffed stockings and free photos with Santa. Open to public.

Health Dept. to offer flu vaccines

The Crawford County Health Dept will be offering H1N1 flu vaccines to the public on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Grayling Elementary School, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring your vaccine record and insurance information. Appointments are not necessary. For other vaccinations dates, call the health department at 348-7800.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 18 - Lunch - apple glaze pork roast, mixed vegetables, baked potatoes and applesauce. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, Dec. 20 - Sunday Brunch, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. homemade french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, orange juice and milk.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, creamy coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner - chicken alfredo with noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli cuts and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots and plums. Dinner - stuffed peppers, parsley potatoes, Italian blend and a fresh orange. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, cauliflower, green beans and sliced apples. Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce and brownies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, Wii Bowling and COA board meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 24 - Closed.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.



The inaugural Grayling Rotary Holiday Benefit Concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30 in Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The event will feature the award-winning duo Switchback from Chicago pictured above.

Rotary Club to host popular duo for benefit concert

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Rotary Club has a post-Christmas pre-New Year's concert in store to entertain folks in the community.

The inaugural Grayling Rotary Holiday Benefit Concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30 in Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The event will feature the award-winning duo Switchback from Chicago. Switchback is on a short tour up north over the New Year's weekend, and was already planning to be in Grayling for a stay over.

Switchback, which features Martin McCormack on bass and vocals and Brian Fitzgerald on guitar, mandolin and vocals, volunteers and works regularly with Rotary Clubs across the nation. The duo offered to perform in Grayling, and Grayling Rotary Club jumped at the chance.

"We were very happy to do this because they're extremely good and it's a really entertaining night," said Randy Thompson, a Grayling Rotary Club member who volunteered to help organize the show. "They offered this to us last year, but we just couldn't do it."

The show will be a combination of country, blues, Cajun, pop and Irish songs from Switchback's 12 albums, plus a collection of Christmas favorites and a good mix of tunes from the Beatles, Van Morrison, Johnny Cash, Stevie Ray Vaughan and others. Switchback tours the world every year playing festivals, performing arts centers, opera houses, theaters and pubs from Iowa to Canada and from Ireland to Italy. In 2008 Switchback traveled to almost half of the states in the U.S. and played to international audiences in the Netherlands, Ireland, England and Canada.

This winter they are off again for tours of Ireland and Italy in January and February 2010. The duo will be in Grayling while on their way to a sold out New Year's Eve performance in St. John's, Canada.

After a sold out performance in Texas in November, one local

reporter wrote: "Their voices blended in heart-tugging harmony, and they made more music with two guitars, a sometimes mandolin, and those voices than some six piece bands produce."

Switchback's released their 12th album "Ghosts of the River Folk" earlier this month. The concert in Grayling will be the first concert for the duo after the debut of the album. With Ghosts of the River Folk, Switchback creates a powerful tribute to the people and spirit of the upper Mississippi, their musical home.

Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased from any Grayling Rotary Club member, or at JJ's Motor Mall, Century 21 River Country, Edward Jones or Flowers by Josie.

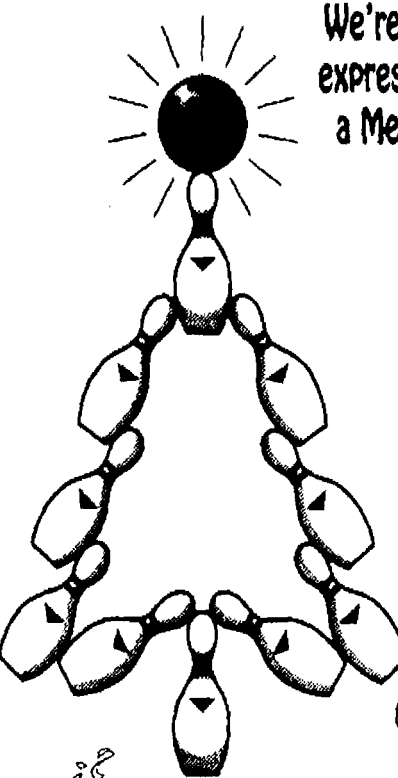
A total of 500 tickets have been made available for the show. Proceeds will go toward community projects the Grayling Rotary Club supports.

"There a lot of things the Rotary contributes to and that's what this go toward - to help with community stuff," Thompson said.

Switchback will perform two 50-minute sets, which will give the audience plenty of time to enjoy the music and get home to prepare for New Year's Eve.

"It should be a real pleasant evening," Thompson said. "In at 7:30 p.m. and out at 9:30 p.m."

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Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 28-30.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post

Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation at 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 13 of \$25 each; Dave Walton, Lynn Starr and Ralph Stevens.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle was Carolyn DiPonio.

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The Bible Speaks

Why Sinners are Lost

Sinners are without excuse for not hearing the word of God. First, all humans have the light of God's word in creation. As Romans 1:18-20 reveals: "18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. 20For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Sinners are rejecting the evidence of God eternal power and Godhead in natural creation. Peter said people would be willingly ignorant of this truth in the last days in 2 Peter 3:5: "5For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water." People who replace divine creation by God's spoken word with naturalistic evolution are being willingly ignorant of God's revealed light in creation.

Secondly, God's moral word or law has been written

intuitively into the hearts of every human being. Our conscience tells all of us many of our actions toward God and others are morally wrong. "14For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another." You have heard the term, "Honor among thieves." Every human person desires others to respect their life, liberty, and property. Even the most pagan tribes in the most remote regions of earth live by some kind of moral standards or laws God placed within their hearts.

The following story illustrates this truth: "Many years ago a missionary to China told how a very old Chinese woman attended one of his services and listened to the story of Jesus. As the invitation plea was given, she opened her heart and soul to the Saviour. After the service, she traveled back over the dusty hot road to her village home. After many days her heart was eager to learn more about this life, so she set out to find the missionary. Several days passed as she

searched and searched. Finally, she located the missionary. Walking up to him, she said, "I know He saved me, and He made me happy inside, but would you tell me His name again?" As a result of that story the following song, Oh, tell me His name again" was written by George Bernard: "Oh, tell me His name again, And sing me that sweet refrain; Of Him who in love came down from above To die on the Cross of shame. The Story my heart has stirred, The sweetest I've ever heard; It banishes fear, it brings hope and cheer, Oh, tell me His name again."

Finally, God commanded us to make God's word available to all nations in Romans 17:26: "26But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." "17If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17) Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Phillip A. Richmond

Phillip A. Richmond, 72, of Grayling, passed away on Friday, December 11, 2009.

He was born in Detroit, on July 25, 1937, the son of the late Phillip and Anna (Jenson) Richmond.

He married the former Donna Schmidt in 1956, in Mayfield Township.

He retired from General Motors where he worked as a mechanic at Truck and Bus in Pontiac.

He enjoyed hunting, horses and U of M sports.

He is survived by his wife Donna, of 53 years; sons, Mike Richmond of Alaska, Rich (Tammy) Richmond of Grayling; four grandchildren, and anticipate the arrival of his fifth grandchild on January 4, 2010; brothers, Rodney and Robert Richmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, William Richmond.

A memorial service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on December 14, 2009, with Reverend Lawrence Cook officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Robert W. Vollmer

Robert W. Vollmer, 56, of Grayling, passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

He was born on May 25, 1953, in Frederic, to Burrell Bruce and Gladys Marie (Giles) Vollmer.

He graduated from Grayling High School in 1972.

He married the former Catherine Marie Baker on March 9, 1973, in Grayling.

He retired from the Crawford AuSable School District, where he was the Transportation Supervisor and Grounds Director.

He enjoyed working with children as a school bus driver, girls golf team coach, and as a supporter of many sports teams, especially football.

He is survived by his wife Catherine, of 36 years; daughters, Samantha (Lewis) Fox of Alma, Marianne (James) Weathers of Sedalia, Mo.; grandchildren, Dana Marie Weathers, Logan Michael Fox; brothers: Ben (Darlene) Vollmer of Gaylord, Dan Vollmer of Gaylord, Don (Janis) Vollmer of Gaylord; close friends of the family, Bob and Lennie Wargo and Betty Wargo of Grayling and loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Friday, December 18, between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Funeral service will be held following visitation at 7 p.m. with Dan Weaver officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



Lawrence L. Smith

Lawrence L. Smith died at age 96, in Westlake, Ohio on Dec. 1, 2009.

He was born June 19, 1913, in Lakewood, Ohio. He retired from the U.S. Army National Guard in 1973 as a 1st Sergeant, after serving 29 years. He completed a 3-year term of active duty during WW II with service in Hawaii.

During his employment years in Ohio, he served as a fire fighter and a printer, owned and operated his own home repair business, was a trolley and bus operator for the city of Lakewood, was the Administrative Assistant for the Westlake Cab Company in Rocky River, a school bus driver for the Elyria school system, and after moving to Grayling, was the park manager for a campground and delivered the Avalanche newspaper.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Alice (Jones) and his second wife, Jean (Eink), two brothers, a sister, and his son, Lawrence. He leaves a daughter, Jean (Neil), a son, Robert, a son, Donald (Deborah), five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Northwesterly Assisted Living Community in Lakewood, Ohio. A military burial service will be held in Grayling in the Spring of 2010.

Church Directory

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord

(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

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Traditional Service 9 am

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Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am

Adult Sunday School 10 am

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Saturday Church Service 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel

(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins

8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells

(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am

Morning Worship 11 am

West Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist

Pastor: Rick Secord

6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 10 am

Morning Service 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ

3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist

Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558

heritagebaptist-grayling.org

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God

Pastor: Gary Wojdan

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am

Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth

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Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Community of Christ

Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at

1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am

Preaching 11 am

Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.

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Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal

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M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am

Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center

Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann

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Sunday Service 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

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Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)

(989) 348-5921

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett

M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ

Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.

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TV 29 & 8 7:30 am

Sunday Classes 10 am

Sunday School 11 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm

(1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service)

Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 6 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle

Pastor: Lyle Studer

211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325

Sunday School 10 am

Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church

Affiliated with S.B.C.

Pastor: Fred Seidler - (765) 543-7988

705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Service 6 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian

Pastor: David Rosenberg

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Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday School 9 am

Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm

Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

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Sunday 9 am

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415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Tue.

Scouts pitch in to help Hartwick Pines



Grayling Boy Scout Troop #995 rebuilt a foot bridge over the East Branch of the AuSable River, repaired another bridge, trimmed brush and filled wet spots on the AuSable River Trail in the Hartwick Pines State Park this fall. The project was organized as an Eagle rank project by Scout Josh Aimesbury. The scouts enjoyed working in a beautiful setting and gained appreciation for the hard work it takes to maintain state park facilities. Grayling Troop #995 meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at Air Way Automation in Grayling. New scouts are welcome to join. Grayling Troop #995 is sponsored by Air Way Automation Inc.



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Feeny assumes ownership of Ford Mercury dealership

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A veteran car salesman and manager, who honed his skills in Grayling, has returned to the community to revive a car dealership.

Rick Harland, is the general manager, for the Feeny Ford Mercury Store in Grayling.

Bob Feeny, who has been in the automotive sales and service business for 25 years, jumped on the opportunity to acquire the dealership from former owner Scott McNamara. Feeny has Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge stores in Midland and Gaylord as well as a large store that offers truck accessories called QTA in Midland.

"He's been in the car business a long time and has family in the business," Harland said.

Harland's family also has a long history in the car business in northern Michigan. His late father, John Harland moved to Grayling in 1970 to become a partner in Scheer Motors.

After completing college and working for a year at GMAC financing, Rick Harland followed in his father's footsteps.

"I did that for about a year and got a chance to move

and wanted to move up north," Harland said.

Harland worked his way up the sales and management ladder while at Scheer Motors. In 1980, Harland and his father split from Scheer Motors to start Milltown Traders, a used car dealership and real estate office, selling cars, trucks and mobile homes. Harland's father passed away a few years into the business venture, and Milltown Traders stayed in operation up until 1985.

Harland then went to work for Gaylord Ford. He has 17 years of experience working for a Ford dealership, 17 years with a General Motors dealership and five years with a Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealership. He now managed Feeny's dealerships in Gaylord and Grayling.

Feeny took over the Grayling dealership on Dec. 1 with a staff of 11 employees. Some of the existing employees were retained, while other key professionals were brought in to get the dealership rolling again.

Harland, who worked at the Ford Mercury dealership in Grayling from 1992 through 1997, said there is plenty of room for growth in the dealership's work force to bring it back to where they have over 20 employees.

"I don't know why our numbers can't be similar to what they were, but you



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kind of have to work your way up to that point," Harland said.

Harland said Feeny Ford Mercury will be a full-service dealership, which will offer new car retail, a good selection of used cars, a service department and quick lube, which averages about 100 oil changes a week.

By the end of December, Harland expects to have over 60 new and used cars on the lot. By March, he anticipates the inventory to be over 100 cars and trucks.

Harland said he is most excited about not seeing another Grayling business shut its doors and another vacant building in town.

"I am pretty excited that we have the opportunity to revive a service for local people," Harland said. "Find it fast at Feeny and Feeny

makes car buying fun - those are kind of our taglines."

Harland said he appreciates meeting and getting to know people as a car salesman. He also loves managing people who are new to the automotive business.

"I get a pretty big kick out of taking somebody that hasn't been in the car business and working with them," he said. "I take a lot of pride having somebody that I've managed be successful."

Feeny Ford Mercury will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The dealership will eventually offer repair service and quick lube service when it is running at full capacity.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 67 complaints the week of Dec. 7 - Dec. 13

One EMS response, one suicide, 14 general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, five false alarm activations, one

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one accident-all other, six family troubles-domestic and four suspicious situations.

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Cookie Walk raises funds for St. Mary's



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Women's Club at the St. Mary's Church held their annual Cookie Walk Sale in the church's Family Center on Saturday. Cookies were displayed on tables and customers and parishioners had the option of buying tins of various sizes to take their cookies home for the holidays. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk sale will go to pay for decorative stations and artwork in the St. Mary's sanctuary, funeral luncheons and other causes the Women's Club supports. Above, Marina Failing, a volunteer for the Cookie Walk sale, fills a tin of goodies to take home.

Perfect Game



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Avid Grayling bowler Pat Bernardo bowled a perfect 300 game on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in mixed-league competition. Only six 300 games have been bowled in the history of the bowling alley. Above, Bernardo, who bowls for the Hilltop Restaurant team, finished the evening with a 736 series.

Four-way light will return at Michigan Avenue intersection

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Thayer said the city has its schedule arranged in hopes that the light and pedestrian crossing lights will be operational by Jan. 4.

"It's my hopes to have this transaction completed and to have this signal activated by the time kids go back to school after Christmas break," Thayer said. "The only thing that's going to slow me down is the state."

Thayer said it would cost the city between \$80 and \$100 per month to operate the light. He said the city has been working with

school officials to find safe routes to schools since schools are located on both sides of the intersection. In addition, the Crawford AuSable School District cut school bussing service for students who live on the south end of the city, so high school students have to go to the Grayling Middle School to travel to school.

"Getting this light in place is paramount to the safety of our school children, which is our number one concern," Thayer said.

In addition to pedestrian safety, the light will allow a smoother flow of traffic

from people coming in from North Down River Road, traveling on Michigan Avenue and turning on Maple Street to access the southbound I-75 exit.

Eventually, Thayer said the city hopes to be granted a traffic warrant that will allow another stop light to be erected at the intersection of James Street and Charles Street. That will ease the flow of traffic to where it goes from four lanes to three lanes crossing the AuSable River Bridge.

"This is a look at the bigger picture," Thayer said. "There is a tremendous

amount of traffic going through the city and we need to get a better handle on it so we can improve safety and do not discourage shopping in the downtown business district due to traffic congestion."

Births

Heather Duba of Grayling, announces the birth of her son, Evan James, born at Mercy Hospital on December 9, 2009, at 1:01 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Rachel Hagle and Josh of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Kyle Ethan, born at Mercy Hospital on December 4, 2009, at 12:25 p.m., weighing 10 lbs., and

measuring 20 inches in length.

Brooke Forbes and Richard Shurter, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aaron Aubrey, born at Mercy Hospital on December 11, 2009, at 4:22 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

SGT First Class Lowell II and Kristinia Bindschattel, announce the birth of their

daughter, Kylie Ann, born at Kennie Stuart Medical Center, in Hopkinsville, Ky., on November 25, 2009, at 10:55 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length. The super proud grandparents are Lowell and Nancy Bindschattel of Frederic and Tom and Donna Rodgers of Gaylord. Also big sister Kaitlin Rodgers of Hopkinsville, Ky.

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2nd half effort leads Lake City past Grayling in varsity match Vikings win JV girls basketball game 39-30

Lake City outscored the Grayling Vikings 32-17 in the second half of last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball game — a contest played at GHS — and the Trojans won the non-conference match by a final score of 46-29.

Grayling led 6-0 early in the first quarter. A 12-2 run by the Trojans helped Lake

City to take a slight lead before halftime, 14-12. The Trojans outscored Grayling 15-4 in the third period and 17-13 in the fourth quarter, giving Lake City a 17-point victory.

"The score doesn't show our improvement against Lake City. We played our most aggressive defense of the season. With each game I see the girls getting stronger and gaining confidence," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

Teresa Schreiber scored 14 points for GHS. Abbey Thomas had six points and six rebounds. Ann Hamlin had nine rebounds.

The Vikings (1-2 overall) will play in their first Lake Michigan Conference game on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. at East Jordan. The two varsity boys basketball teams — Grayling and East Jordan — will play after the girls.

Grayling earned its second non-conference JV girls basketball victory in three tries on Tuesday night with a 39-30 win vs. the visiting Lake City Trojans. The Vikings will head into the league portion of their schedule this week with a 2-1 overall record.

"The team continues to work hard and improve," Coach Craig Hofman said. "We are focusing on next week and getting our first conference win."

The Vikings led by nine, 27-16, at halftime. Grayling took a 12-point advantage into the fourth quarter and won by nine points.

Leading scorers for GHS



Kristen Todoroff dives and battles for a loose ball vs. Lake City on Tuesday night.

included: Caitlin Prosser, 12 points, 13 rebounds, 2 steals; Chloe Harwood, 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Alyssa Morley, 8 points, 4 rebounds, 7 assists, 2 steals; Hannah Haven, 9 points, 5 rebounds; Myrissa Kuhn, 2 points, 2 rebounds; Jamie Denton, 8 rebounds, 2 steals.

"The team played extremely well all night," Coach Hofman said. "We really hit on all cylinders offensively in the first half. Defensively we did well against a 6'3" center and a very good point guard. The girls worked hard and dominated the boards. Defensively they were very active and closed out well on shooters."

"We have been talking about making sure that we win each quarter. The girls need to learn to be a little

more patient offensively, especially when we have a good lead and don't need a quick shot or long range shot. They learn fast and ran an offensive set in the fourth quarter that helped kill some clock while still running an offense," Coach Hofman said.

"Caitlin Prosser dominated the boards and was able to connect on some big shots along with Alyssa Morley. Alyssa did a great job running the point and controlling the tempo of the game. Jamie Denton has been playing big down low defensively and had some big boards throughout the game," Coach Hofman said.

The JV girls and boys basketball teams will host East Jordan in a league doubleheader on Thursday, Dec. 17. The girls will play first at 6 p.m.

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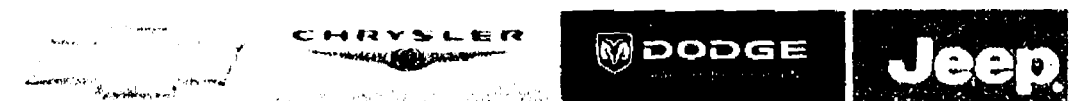


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Volleyball team announces awards for 2009

The GHS varsity volleyball program recently announced its team awards and two all-conference selections for the 2009 fall season.

Savannah Foguth was named MVP for this year's squad. The "Most Improved Player" award went to Grace Calkins and Kaitlyn Money. The "Most Team Spirited" award went to Anna Hagerman.

Foguth was named to the all-league team in the Lake Michigan Conference. Joni Bindschatel was an all-league honorable mention.

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Vikings survive late surge by Bucks, win opener

Friday's game postponed; Grayling off to 1-0 start

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling had a double-digit lead for most of the game, but the Vikings had to fight through a fourth quarter surge by the Roscommon Bucks to win their season opener – a non-conference varsity boys basketball game played at Roscommon High School last Monday – by a final score of 75-67.

The Vikings led by nine, 24-15, after one quarter. Grayling had a 45-32 advantage at halftime. The Vikings had a 12-point lead (58-46) going into the fourth period.

The Bucks scored a lay-up to start the fourth quarter, cutting Grayling's lead to 10. An inside shot by Ethan Lewis put Grayling back up by 12. A 6-1 run by the Bucks cut Grayling's lead to seven. A three-pointer by Zane Tobin extended Grayling's advantage back to 10 with 4:39 left in regulation.

The Bucks scored eight unanswered points – including a three-pointer at the 2:44 mark – to pull within two, 64-62.

An inside shot by Riley Zigila gave the Vikings a 66-62 lead. Two free throws by Colin Hamlin at the 1:35 mark put the Vikings up by six. The Bucks answered

with an inside shot to pull back within four. Hamlin converted two more free throws and Grayling led 70-64 with 53 seconds remaining in the game.

Roscommon hit a three-pointer at the 0:47 mark, pulling the Bucks within three.

Jake Helsel threw a full-court in-bounds pass to Steven Enos, who scored a lay-up to give the Vikings a five-point lead. A free throw by Jensen Aubry made it a six-point advantage.

Roscommon tried a three-pointer, missed, and Aubry came down with the rebound. The Bucks fouled Hamlin, who made both free throws. Roscommon tried for three again and Aubry rebounded the miss. The Vikings killed the final seconds and won by eight points.

Steven Enos had 25 points, five assists, three rebounds, and three steals for Grayling. Tobin had 24 points (including 3 for 5 from three-point range) and five rebounds. Hamlin scored 17 points (including 8 for 10 from the free-throw line), seven assists, seven rebounds, and four steals. Leading rebounders for the Vikings were Aubry (10) and Griffin Dean (9).

"I thought our kids played very well offensively in the



Steven Enos handles the ball for Grayling during Monday's season opener vs. the Bucks.

first half. We attacked gaps and did a great job of distributing the ball in transition and in our half-court offense. I thought our defensive pressure did a nice job of frustrating Roscommon and creating some easy scoring opportunities," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"In the second half, we struggled offensively because we attacked the strength of their defense instead of the weak points in their man-to-man and zone defenses. We also struggled to rebound the basketball defensively, which slowed down our transition break. Roscommon made a nice

run at us, but our kids got their composure back and did a nice job down the stretch," Coach Moffit said.

"We were also pretty solid from the free-throw line," Coach Moffit said. "It was a total team effort and it was a good first game for us."

Friday's scheduled non-conference game at Mesick was postponed.

The Vikings (1-0 overall) will begin their league schedule on Friday, Dec. 18, with a game at East Jordan. The boys basketball team will play after the Grayling vs. EJ varsity girls basketball game, a contest that is slated for 6 p.m.

JV, freshman teams win at Roscommon

The three GHS boys basketball teams – freshman, junior varsity, varsity – opened their 2009-2010 seasons with victories at Roscommon during a non-conference tripleheader on Monday, Dec. 7.

The freshman team started the night with a 59-44 win vs. the Bucks. The contest was tied at halftime (19-19), but the Vikings outscored the home team 40-25 in the second half to win by 15.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start. We lacked energy and seemed to be slow to react to the ball. Offensively we struggled to finish. It wasn't that we did not get good shots, we just could not put the biscuit in the basket," Coach LJ Mead said.

"We made some defensive adjustments at halftime, which led to some instant offense. We played with much more energy and pas-

sion the second half. I am proud of the fact that our kids continued to battle the whole game," Coach LJ Mead said. "They showed a great deal of perseverance and character."

Leading scorers for GHS were: Scott Parkinson (20), Mason Krey (9), Lewis Menard (8), Levi Korneli (6), Jeff Enos (5), Wes Dean (4), Jake Cochrane (3), Joey Myers (2), David Somero (2).

In the JV game, Grayling built a big lead early – the Vikings led 17-4 after one quarter – and won by 19 points.

"This is the best team basketball I've seen this group play so far. I was very pleased with the our ball movement on offense," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Scoring leaders for GHS included: Ryan Randall, 21 points; Thomas Burrell, 15 points; Devon Dawson, 9 points; Jared Carlysle, 6



Zach Schreiber dribbles the ball for the JV Vikings on Monday at Roscommon.

points; Ryan Rochefort, 6 points, 10 rebounds.

(The varsity squad defeated Roscommon 75-67. Full story above.)

The JV team (1-0 overall) will host East Jordan on Thursday, Dec. 17. The

freshman squad (1-0 overall) will play at East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 18.

Equestrian Team

Grayling High School's senior equestrian team recently wrapped up its season with a strong showing at regionals at the Midland Fairgrounds. At least one Grayling rider placed in all events entered.

On Nov. 20, the team attended its district banquet at West Branch's Ogemaw

Heights High School, and two team members – Ann Hamlin and Ashley Whitcher – were named in the top 10 riders (highest all-around points). Hamlin tied for eighth and Whitcher was 10th.

The team, coached by Ann Malm of Grayling and Liz Koscielniak of the

Gaylord Equestrian Center, included: Natalie Deman (riding Drifter), Elaine DesEnfants (riding Tootsie), Hamlin (riding Bart Speed), Ciara Johnson (riding Miss Chic Bird), Andrea Malm (riding Buba), Kara Malm (riding Hottie), and Whitcher (riding King).



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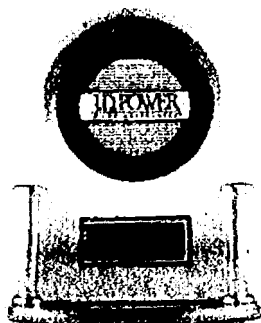
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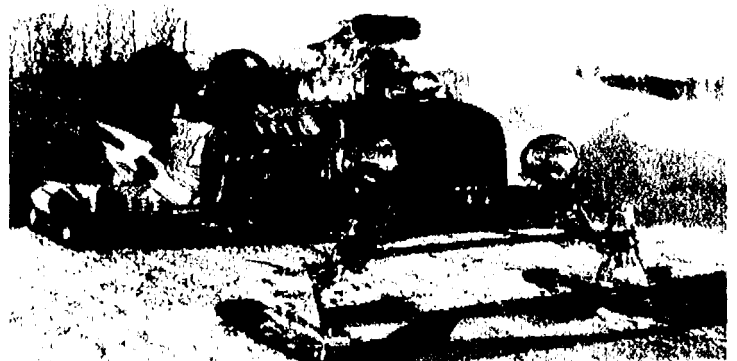
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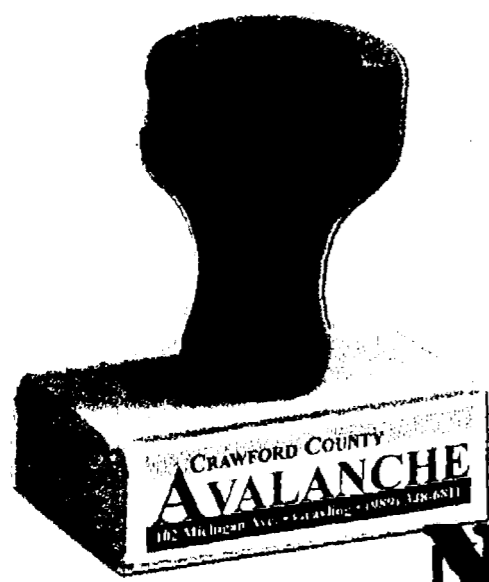
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- Highest degree possible in candidate's field of study
- Significant life achievement, honor or award
- Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others

If you know someone worthy of this honor, please take the time to fill out a nomination petition. The board will be making the selection by February, 4, 2010, and only twenty individuals will be honored this year. The inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame will be displayed proudly in the main entrance at Grayling High School.

The purpose of this program is to not only honor graduates from our community who have accomplished great things in their lives, but also to motivate our students at the high school to set goals for their own future.

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Vikings win wrestling tournament at Manton

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling squad finished first out of 11 teams at the Manton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 12. The Vikings finished with 190.5 team points, with 11 wrestlers placing in the top four in their respective weight classes.

Joe White (125) and Kyle Peters

(heavyweight) won their weight divisions at Manton. Second place finishers included Jerry Bergey (103), Carey Brodak (112), Dan Duvall (145), Matt Townsend (171), and Joe Contreras (189). Brandon Handrich (140) and Tyler Sharp (160) both placed third. Cody Elmy (119) and Josh Handrich

(152) both finished fourth.

Olivia Peters, Jacob Ervin, and Derek Babbitt also won matches for the Vikings on Saturday.

Grayling will host Charlevoix and Boyne City for a set of league matches on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. at GHS.



The GHS wrestling team celebrates its first place finish at the Manton Invitational on Saturday.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

GMH-NCC 36 - 20
Woody Girls 32 - 24
Ball Buster's 31 - 25
American Legion 28 - 28
Robin Smith CPA 27 - 29
Glen's Market 25 - 31
Grayling Nursing 24 - 32
Days Inn 21 - 35
High Series: P. Younglove, 517; P. D'Amour, 506; T. Hellebuyck, 506. High Game: S. Rozenak, 193; P. Younglove, 192.

Senior League

Gaylord Electric . 37.5 - 18.5
Flowers By Josie . . 33 - 23
Dana Transport . . . 31 - 25

Lone Pine 29 - 27
Legion Lanes 27 - 29
Sylvester's Sports . . 23 - 33
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 22 - 34
Spike's 19.5 - 36.5
High Series Women: C. Clark, 554; N. Glasslee, 489; H. Stairs, 458. High Game Women: C. Clark, 192; J. Williamson, 175; M. Rysso, 171. High Series Men: K. Louchart, 523; L. Wyatt, 504; O. Brantley, 504. High Game Men: K. Louchart, 199; L. Wyatt, 195; J. Lawless, 182.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Don Nester 65 - 33
Hill Top 61 - 37
L & L Hauling 56 - 42
Northern Lawn 50 - 48
Moshier Auto 50 - 48
American Legion . . . 44 - 54
Double Trouble . . . 37 - 61
Dharma Music 29 - 69
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 478; S. Johnson, 471; C. Osborne,

465. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 204; T. Benardo, 196; T. Benardo, 181; C. Osborne, 173. High Series Men: P. Benardo, 663; G. Mastroeni, 628; J. Lehman, 583. High Game Men: F. Periard, 247; G. Mastroeni, 235; D. Burger, 232.

Pioneer League

Riverland 37.5 - 14.5
Ole Dam 34 - 18
5B's 28.5 - 23.5
Legion 27 - 25
Tim's Collision 26 - 26
T.C. Lawncare 25 - 27
Grayling Rest 22 - 30
High Series: C. Clark, 568; T. Rock, 531; K. Harris, 517. High Game: M. Cole, 206; D. Argue, 202; K. Harris, 200.

American Men's League

McLean's Ace 38 - 11
IMM 32 - 17
Joels Team 27 - 22
Moore's Auto 19 - 23

Thayers Crew 24 - 25
Primary Electric . . . 18 - 31
Marty's Firewood . . . 18 - 31
Fenton's Auto 13 - 36
High Series: Lance Davis, 662; J. Helsel, 654; T. Sheldon, 615. High Game: J. Helsel, 269; Lance Davis, and C. Golnick, 246.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Spikes 63 - 28
Fick and Sons 47 - 44
Team #4 45 - 46
Bloomquist 43 - 48
Shocker 41 - 50
Gray Rock 34 - 57
High Series Men: L. Ostrowski, 604; J. Thayer, 536; R. Strohpaal, 532. High Game Men: L. Ostrowski, 222; R. Strohpaal, 202; N. Mead, 195. High Series Women: S. Mead, 522; C. Sheldon, 468; L. Mead 448. High Game Women: S. Mead, 194; L. Mead, 169; C. Sheldon, 168.

GMS Boys Basketball

8th grade "green" - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball "green" squad won 25-13 in a home game vs. Charlevoix on Dec. 2.

"Defensively we got good pressure on the ball with Sam Cousins and have improved both our anticipation of passes and our rotation to the ball. On offense they continue to push the ball for fast breaks and have cut down the number of turnovers from early in the season," Coach John Junttila said.

Scorers for GMS: Tyler

Summers (9), Cousins (6), Nick Smock (4), Lucas Walesky (4), Richie Sanford (1), C.J. White (1).

The Vikings won 38-12 at Harbor Springs on Nov. 30.

Scorers: Walesky (10), Sanford (7), Mitchell Thompson (6), Jacob Brown (5), White (4), Summers (2), Gage Albright (2), Smock (2).

"Although Sam Cousins didn't score, he created numerous turnovers and distributed the ball well, allowing everyone else to score. Also, the team continued to control the boards on offense and defense, led by Walesky, White, and Smock," Coach Junttila said.

Grayling won 41-19 at West Branch on Nov. 24. Cousins had 18 points,

Walesky scored 11, and Thompson finished with 10.

"Defensively we pressured the ball, which led to fast break chances. Offensively we continue to improve in our half court sets," Coach Junttila said.

7th grade "white" - The GMS 7th grade boys basketball "white" team improved its season record to 9-1 with a 38-19 win vs. visiting Elk Rapids on Monday.

Grayling trailed 16-13 at halftime, but the Vikings outscored ER 22-6 in the second half.

Scorers: Gunner Metzger (7), Scout Tobin (6), Ryan Schultz (6), Danny Schultz (5), Carson Burmeister (4), Jake Hinkle (4), Emmett Helsel (2), Darin Nicholas (2), Nick Harris (2).

Kirtland Basketball

Men's Team

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team headed home Saturday, Dec. 12, after beating the host of the Holiday Inn Thunder Bay Classic, the Alpena Community College Lumberjacks 68-62 in a consolation round match-up.

Women's Team

A last second theft by a Firebird defender helped the Kirtland Community College women's basketball

team steal a 62-61 victory away from the Macomb Community College Monarchs in a consolation round clash of the Holiday Inn Thunder Bay Classic on Saturday, Dec. 12.

For more on the Kirtland Community College basketball teams, visit the *Avalanche's* Web site: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com. Results for the teams are posted under the "Sports" header as they become available.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn 98
Ole Barn 91
Ramada II 74
Gray Rock 71
Growlers 70

Ramada I 59

5 Ball Run: Jill (Ramada); Vickie (Gray Rock); Carla (Gray Rock).
6 Ball Run: Sandy (Ole Barn).
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicholas Schreiner, a married man and Ashley Schreiner fka Ashley Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on February 24, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 925, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three And 63/100 Dollars (\$74,923.63), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Sherwood Forest, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 26, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #290889F01

-26-3-10-17

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Misti MacFarlane, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 500 Elm St. Grayling, MI 49738-1406.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1300

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from

December 11, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 11, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: December 17, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC H (248) 593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or

Mortgage Holder

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525

File # 296524F01

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Amy Nagy, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 406 Peninsular Ave. Grayling, MI 49738-1730.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 11, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 11, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: December 17, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or

Mortgage Holder

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525

File # 297425F01

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08-3661-NA

PETITION NO. 01

TO: Orlando Colon

IN THE MATTER OF: Luis Rodriguez, Sr.,

DOB: 8/24/1993

A hearing regarding termination of Luis Rodriguez Sr.'s, parental rights will be conducted by the court on February 3, 2010 at 1:30pm in Crawford County Family Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 before Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P-48732).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Luis Rodriguez, Sr. personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor child.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08-3661-NA

PETITION NO. 01

TO: Orlando Colon

IN THE MATTER OF: Delia Colon (Oquendo),

DOB: 8/27/94; Melody Colon (Oquendo),

DOB 11/10/95; Pedro Colon (Oquendo),

DOB: 10/03/96

A hearing regarding termination of Orlando Colon's parental rights will be conducted by the court on February 3, 2010 at 1:30pm in Crawford County Family Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 before Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P-48732).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Orlando Colon personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor child.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08-3661-NA

PETITION NO. 01

TO: Luis Rivera

IN THE MATTER OF: Preciosa Riveraoquendo, DOB: 10/31/1998

A hearing regarding termination of Luis Rivera's, parental rights will be conducted by the court on February 3, 2010 at 1:30pm in Crawford County Family Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 before Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P-48732).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Luis Rivera personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor child.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

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PETITION NO. 01

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Luis Rodriguez, Sr. personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08-3661-NA

PETITION NO. 01

TO: Orlando Colon

IN THE MATTER OF: Luis Rodriguez, Sr.,

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Luis Rodriguez, Sr. personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08-3661-NA

PETITION NO. 01

TO: Orlando Colon

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DOB: 8/24/1993

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George, to have meeting chaired by Trustee Musselman. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda. November Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for December, the Treasurer's Report, and Fire/EMT report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the following for Fire/EMS: Maintenance contract for one year with Breathing Air Systems for \$803.00, Five Scot 2.2 Air-Pak 75 SCBAS

Legal Action

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Guy R. Quigley, a married man and Louise A. Quigley, his wife, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2003 and recorded May 15, 2003 in Liber 634, Page 113, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Citic Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Chase Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven and 36/100 Dollars (\$99,387.36) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8, thence North 1 degree 20 minutes East (along the 1/8 line), 186 feet, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes West, 367.7 feet, thence North 1 degree 20 minutes East 120 feet, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 367.7 feet, thence South 1 degree 20 minutes West, 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6509 ASAP# 3360285 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Hansen, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded November 3, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 245, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 83/100 Dollars

(\$70,618.83) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 10, of Roffee's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.2164 ASAP# 3360473 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Candace Cox, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2007 and recorded June 21, 2007 in Liber 687, Page 381, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two and 61/100 Dollars (\$78,842.61) including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point located distance North 01 degree 17 minutes East along the West line of said Section 23, a distance of 1649.00 feet, and South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 332.77 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 23, thence continuing South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 332.77 feet, thence South 01 degree 22 minutes 36 seconds East, 329.88 feet, thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds West, 332.50 feet, thence North 01 degree 19 minutes 37 seconds East, 329.84 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, "Property contains a 1998 Dutch mobile home with serial number DHIN 1949IFAB 9950331" The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined aban-

doned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 26, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6137 ASAP# 3351624 11/26/2009, 12/03/2009, 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua E. Eldridge, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2007 and recorded April 18, 2007 in Liber 686, Page 528, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Nine and 81/100 Dollars (\$63,129.81) including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6737 ASAP# 3364509 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KIMBERLY OEVERMAN AKA KIMBERLY S. OEVERMAN, A SINGLE WOMAN, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2004, and recorded on August 19, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 64, and assigned by said mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2004-FFH3, as

assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$48,579.19), including interest at 9.500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 13, 2010 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: NORTHEAST-ERLY 1/2 OF LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 13, OF HADLEY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE NOW CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 2, 2009 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2004-FFH3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ASAP# 3366287 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley C. Adams, a married man and Donna M. Adams, a married person, to Coldwell Banker Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated August 17, 2002 and recorded August 20, 2002 in Liber 593, Page 1, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen and 84/100 Dollars (\$50,418.84) including interest at 7.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 lying on the South side of M-72, Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 26, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6877 ASAP# 3351119 11/26/2009, 12/03/2009,

12/10/2009, 12/17/2009

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Irene A. Sawdy, a single woman, of 243 Ballanger, Apt. 1, Roscommon, Michigan 48653 and NPB Mortgage, L.L.C. a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, dated December 2, 2005, and recorded on December 9, 2005, in Liber 678, Page 925 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$26,985.45), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 11.60%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on January 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will in the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford and which are described as follows: Lots 476, 477, 478, 479 and 480, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSTIN TRACT, No. 6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records, P.P. #052-520-000-476-00, 052-520-000-477-00, 052-520-000-478-00, 052-520-000-479-00, 052-520-000-480-00

which includes a 1977 Barron mobile home and has an address of 10863 Deerwood, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

NPB Mortgage, L.L.C.
3333 Deposit Drive, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

DATED: December 2, 2009

Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Avenue, NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROPOSED PROJECT IN FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND

The City of Grayling is proposing to implement a project that includes activities potentially located in a floodplain or wetland as follows:

1. Ingham St Connector & Infrastructure Improvement Project - to make public infrastructure and roadway improvements in the downtown along Ingham St from James St to State St.
2. Sanitary sewer, water and stormwater mains will be replaced and Ingham St will be resurfaced. Floodplains in the City of Grayling have not been mapped; however, the Au Sable River flows directly adjacent to the project area. This would indicate the potential presence of a floodplain within the boundaries of the project area. Any activities in or near a wetland or floodplain will be minimized and/or mitigated.

As part of the proposed project, a request has been made for federal funds under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program. Use of such funds requires compliance with federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management and 11990, Protection of Wetlands. The City of Grayling must consider all practicable alternatives to activities located in the floodplain or wetland and invite comments from the public. Public comments including factors to be considered in reviewing the project such as alternative courses of action or devoting special attention to certain impacts should be submitted to David Thayer, City Manager, City of Grayling at P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 (Grayling City Hall 1020 City Boulevard) within 15 days from the date of this public notice.

Michele Moshier
City Clerk

ATTENTION Grayling Township residents

Beginning Saturday, January 2, 2010, the township trash compactor and recycling center will be open on a new convenient schedule:

Tuesday 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Disposal of large items available at other times, by appointment only.

There is a 7-bag (average 30-gallons per bag) per-week limit on trash. The cost to dispose of more than 7 bags is \$1.50 for each additional bag. You must display your 2010 trash/recycling permit affixed to your vehicle window to receive service, or you will be turned away.

The Grayling Township trash compactor and recycling center are located at 46870 North Down River Road, Grayling (next to Jack Millikin, Inc.). For further information contact the compactor manager at (989) 348-3195 during the listed hours above.

VACANCY ON C.O.O.R. ISD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District of Education received with regret the resignation of Board Trustee Lois Byrd of Roscommon. One person will be appointed to serve in this position until May 3, 2011 C.O.O.R. Board Election.

Interested citizens should send a letter of interest, including resume, by Noon on January 4, 2010 to:

Robert Carpenter, President
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District
P.O. Box 827
Roscommon, MI 48653

Qualifications are as follows: Each member of the Board shall be/have:

- 1) Citizen of the United States
- 2) Resident of the State of Michigan for at least (30) days
- 3) Attained the age of eighteen (18) years
- 4) A resident of a constituent District

Interviews will take place at the C.O.O.R. ISD administrative offices. Selected candidates will be contacted to confirm the date and time. Please call 989-275-9538 if there are any questions.

Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 18, 1986 - David, age 7, and Anthony Renon, age 6, sons of Roy and Joyce Renon, asked Santa for some toys at the Grayling State Bank, where they visited him.

23 Years Ago December 18, 1986

Forty-four of Michigan's 83 counties recorded more than 80 inches of snow during the 1985-86 winter, qualifying them for snow removal funds from state gas and weight taxes, the Michigan Department of Transportation reported.

Crawford County Commissioners cut about \$80,000 off last year's budget but were able to avoid lay-offs in the new 1987 budget.

Fred Allen, vice president of the Viking Spirit Club, presented GHS Ski Coach Mike Wieland with a cordless electrical drill charger and extra power pack purchased for use in setting the new "breakaway" gates used in the race courses as mandated by the conference and state for the 1986-87 racing season.

At the annual GHS football banquet, Bill Klinger announced he was leaving the Viking head coach football position after 11 years

at the job.

Four Grayling football players won Michigan Huron Shores Conference honors for the 1986 season. Seniors Jim Laurent and Todd Klinger and junior Jeff Wolcott were named to the All-League team. Junior Jeff Palmer was given Honorable Mention.

46 Years Ago December 19, 1963

Mrs. Don Millikin opened her home to 20 little boys recently to help her son Donny celebrate his 7th birthday. The youngsters enjoyed games with Rickey Millikin, Danny Dodge and Paul Christian winning prizes.

Earl Broadbent, recently resigned from the City of Grayling Fire Department after 33 years of service.

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1964 in the December 26 issue. We are calling this feature to your attention because 1964 will be a year of many changes. Mr. Babson's Forecast will contain predictions covering such important topics as general business 1964 election, tax cut, labor, inflation, agricultural outlook, stock market, real estate and cost of living.

69 Years Ago December 19, 1940

Frederic school was closed again last Wednesday with six more cases of scarlet fever. The condition of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stillwagon, who have been ill with scarlet fever, has improved, although they are still in quarantine. Harold Johnson is driving the school bus in his absence.

A truck stopping at George Hanson's station Friday about 5:30 p.m. caught fire, making it necessary to call the fire department. While the attendant was filling the gas tank, fumes from the gas were ignited by a lantern that was being used to heat the cab. There was slight damage to the cab of the truck.

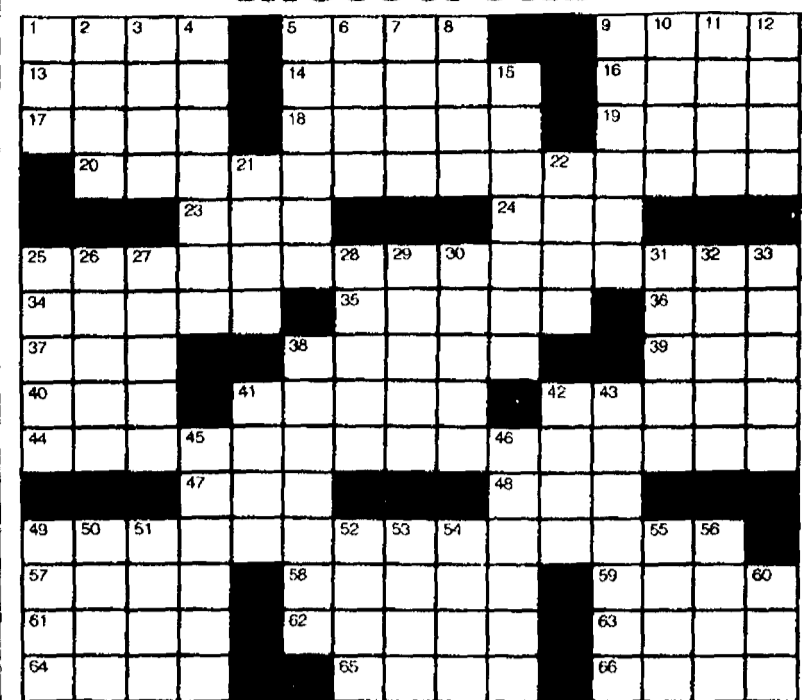
Leonard Burr has closed his Pepsi-Cola bottling works next door to the Hotel Annex, and is leaving for Flint.

92 Years Ago December 20, 1917

Earl McMahon has resigned his position at the local express office and has left for Detroit to make his home. Louis Burch is filling the position.

John Bugbee, employed at the DuPont Plant as time-keeper, had the misfortune to fall down the back steps of his home and dislocate his shoulder.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Waistband
 - Cutting remark
 - Advance, slangily
 - Dwarf buffalo
 - Elaborate songs for solo voice
 - Bang-up
 - Used in cough syrups
 - Come from behind
 - Align
 - Nyctalopia
 - Clod chopper
 - Victorian, for one
 - Point within something at which gravity can be considered to act
 - Bridges in movies
 - Long-limbed
 - When doubled, a dance
 - Balloon filler
 - Aerosol
 - Be mistaken
 - Nancy, in Nancy
 - Someone who plies a trade
 - Gauge boson that mediates strong interaction among quarks
 - Old Glory
 - "C" la vie!
 - Backboard attachment
 - Courses for adults otherwise unengaged in formal study
 - Norse deity
 - Moved about aimlessly
 - Barfly's binge
 - Gp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
 - Glove material
 - "The Snowy Day" author Jack Keats
 - Makeup, e.g.
 - Au
 - Audition tape
- Down**
- Any minute
 - Arias, usually
 - Overbearing
 - Trade
 - Spirited, graceful, intelligent riding horse
 - Brook
 - Indonesian island
 - Navigation system using location and traffic information from orbiting satellites
 - Dermatologist's concern
 - probandi
 - Short pegs that hold golf ball
 - Working together of two things to produce an effect greater than the sum of their individual parts
 - Worked the soil
 - Heavy cart
 - Kinship group
 - "Middlemarch" author
 - Actress Shearer
 - Perennial northern temperate plant with small purplish-white flowers
 - Gol along
 - Grows
 - Freeze
 - Pang
 - Tall tales
 - Various small terrestrial isopods with flat elliptical segmented bodies
 - "Hey there!"
 - Pluck
 - Specified
 - Widow woman
 - Businessperson
 - "Thanks ___!"
 - Blockhead
 - Hawaiian strings
 - Arrange, as hair
 - Eye layer
 - Ghanian monetary unit
 - Exude
 - Average
 - Ultimate principle of the universe

SUDOKU

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(PUZZLE #3 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.54)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 17, 2009



December 22 - January 19

Time's whittling away, Capricorn. Sit down, make out a list and get shopping. A little effort now will make for less fuss later. Your calendar begins to fill up.



March 21 - April 19

Your gift list grows, but you don't have to break the bank, Aries. With a little thought, you are sure to come up with some nice but inexpensive ideas. Travel plans begin to shape up.



June 22 - July 22

Dramatic pursuits continue. Keep your eye on the prize, Cancer, and it will be yours. A new face welcomes you into the fold. Reciprocate their actions.



September 23 - October 22

Wonders never cease, Libra, and that young friend who almost always bails on you fulfills a promise. Praise them for their efforts and include them in your plans again.



January 20 - February 18

The clutter at home grows out of control. It's now or never for the big overhaul. A pesky auto problem is resolved once and for all. Therapy, Aquarius.



April 20 - May 20

Don't look now, Taurus, but a blast from the past is about to roll into town and beat down your door. Enjoy the walk down memory lane and stay in touch.



July 23 - August 22

Feel like you're getting a little too close to the action, Leo? You just might be. Duck out of the limelight and keep your nose to the grind for a while.



October 23 - November 21

The windfall begins, and your future looks brighter than it has in some time. Make sure you put the funds to good use, or you could wind up with a new problem. Careful, Scorpio.



February 19 - March 20

Names will never hurt you, Pisces. Overlook the criticism and continue moving forward. The object of your desire is at hand. A friend rejects your offer. Don't take it personally.



May 21 - June 21

Fitness goals fall by the wayside with holiday festivities. Get back on track, Gemini. Your waistline will thank you later. A winter activity elevates your energy level.



August 23 - September 22

Your indifference begins to show in your work. Check yourself, Virgo, and find out what the source of the problem is. A special treat starts the weekend off right.



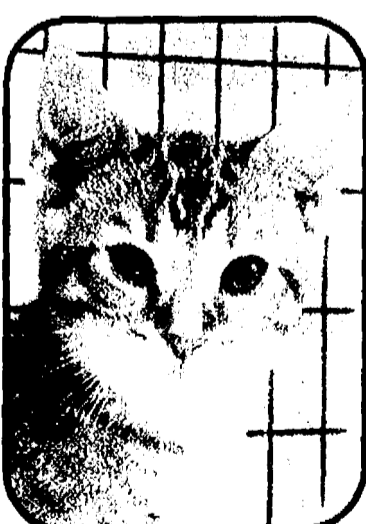
November 22 - December 21

The days are slipping by, and a deadline is approaching. Don't try to go it alone, Sagittarius. Seek help wherever you can get it. A book inspires a bold move on your part.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



T.N.T.

T.N.T. is a happy, high spirited, affectionate and funny little 4 month old kitten. He has a wonderfully happy disposition and a sweet face. This little guy has been vaccinated, neutered and is feline leukemia negative. He would love to get a new home this holiday season.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



SPICY CHICKEN LASAGNA ROLL-UPS

Ingredients:

1 jar (26 oz.) spaghetti sauce
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. crushed red pepper
3 cups shredded or chopped cooked chicken
2 eggs, beaten

2 cups shredded

Mozzarella cheese, divided
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
12 lasagna noodles, cooked, rinsed and drained

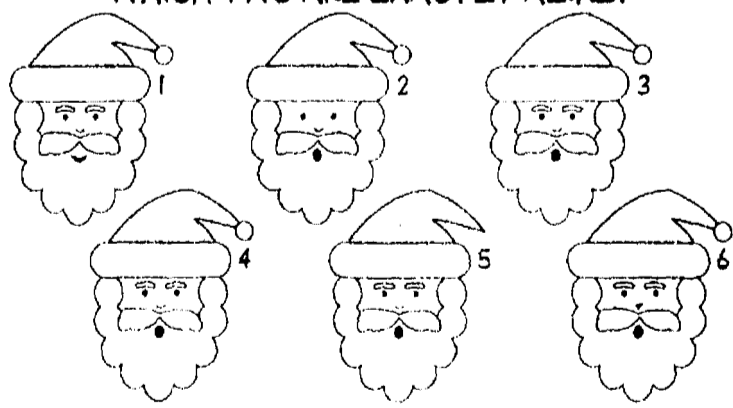
Directions: Heat oven to 375°F. Mix first 3 ingredients; combine 1/2 cup with chicken, 1 cup mozzarella, Parmesan and eggs. Spread 1/4 cup onto each noodle; roll up. Spread 1/2 cup of the remaining sauce mixture onto bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish; cover with lasagna rolls (seam-sides down), remaining sauce mixture and mozzarella. Bake 25 min. or until heated through.

Prep Time: 15 min. Total Time: 50 min.

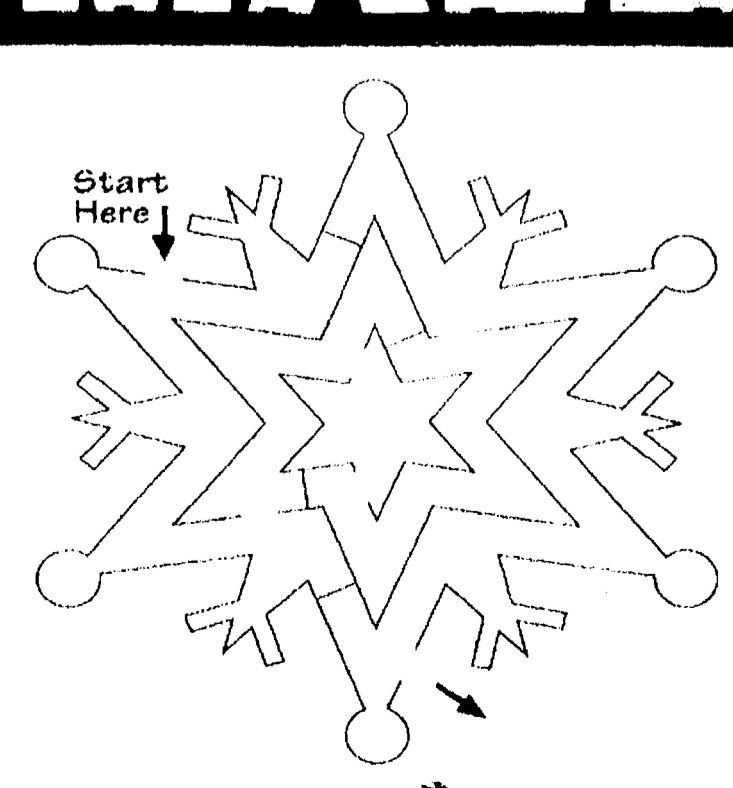
Makes: 12 servings

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$450 plus utilities, 348-5230. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-17-24-31-7/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 CAR garage on mainstream of AuSable. \$625 plus deposit, no smoking. New flooring, refinished. 344-9038. (12/15/09/tf/2)

FOR RENT Newly refurbished 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Snow plowing and lawn care included in rent. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09/tf/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

Grayling Pines Apartments

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Cobble Creek II Apartments

a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design many also be available. Rent is based on income.

For affordable housing call **989-348-3150**

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Equal Housing Opportunity.

TDD# (800) 649-3777

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200

Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment with garage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Quiet neighborhood. Security deposit required. 348-8471. (-17-24-31-2)

CLOSE TO TOWN Efficiency cabin. \$375 per month, \$375 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-17/02)

3. Employment

West Branch Regional Medical Center currently has a Part Time opening for an Exercise Physiologist. Candidates need to possess a Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Science with specialized education or certification in cardiovascular clinical area and twenty-four (24) months recent and relevant experience. **Interested and qualified candidates can submit a resume to the West Branch Regional Medical Center, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, Michigan 48661 Attn: Human Resources Dept 1; fax a resume to 989.343.3651 or 989.343.9459 (8:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday), or email a resume to either twebber@wbrmc.org or jnorton@wbrmc.org. Visit our website at www.wbrmc.org.**



MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Hospice After Hours On-Call Nurse

Hospice RN needed for after hour, on-call position, one week on, on week off. Duties would include triaging calls and patient visits as needed. Hospice experience preferred.

Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited school and have a current Michigan license. Requirements: Minimum 1 year of professional nursing experience, ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision, and willingness to travel in our geographic region. For immediate consideration, please contact:

Brenda Lake, Business / Facility Manager

989-348-4380 FAX

989-344-4402 Direct Extension

lakeb@trinity-health.org

Mercy Home Care & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Home Care and Mercy Hospice are committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09/tf/2)

1 BEDROOM in town \$390 a month plus utilities, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1456. (-10/01/09/tf/2)

SMALL 2 BEDROOM home in downtown Grayling. Remodeled inside, \$500 month includes water/sewer. 586-899-4405. (-10-17/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

FOR RENT NICE 2 bedroom apartment, with garage located near the Grayling High School. \$650 per month, plus deposit, includes all utilities - heat, electric, water, snow plowing and lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09/tf/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE 10 miles south of Grayling off Old 27. No pets. 989-821-6225. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. (12/03/09/tf/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom house in town \$450 a month plus utilities. No pets, plus deposit. 348-8479. (-17/2)

2-3 BEDROOM 3 bath log home on East Branch, 563-370-5104. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent 9 miles out of town, \$530 monthly plus security deposit. 348-6649. (-10-17/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM HOUSE in St. Helen. New carpet, nice yard, natural gas, stove and refrigerator, no pets. \$425 security deposit, \$425 monthly. 989-275-8499. (-10-17/2)

3. Employment



MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Occupational Therapist ~ Full Time Grayling

Candidate will have a current license, credentials, references, and reliable transportation. Join a team where you are recognized and valued for your exceptional patient care utilizing your excellent one and one care. Must have the ability to act upon client needs without direct supervision.

Willing to travel in our geographic region. Minimum of one year experience in rehabilitation and chronic disabilities, preferably in a clinic setting. Competitive wages, 403 B pension plan and PTO. For immediate consideration please contact Brenda Lake, Business and Facility Manager.

324 Meadows Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738

Email: lakeb@trinity-health.org

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NEMCSA

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY, INC.

Early Head Start Program in Crawford County seek Family Support Coordinators. Responsible for implementing a home-based child development/family support program, facilitate parent-child playgroup and coordination of early intervention services. CPR and First Aid Certificate along with reliable transportation and a valid driver license are required. Associates degree in Child Development, Early Childhood Education or related field with 2 years experience, specifically with infants and toddlers required. Bachelors Degree preferred. Applicant may be considered if they are within six months of completion of the degree required. They will be paid **10% less than the minimum base rate** until requirement is met. Wage \$14.36/hr plus benefits. Deadline December 21, 2009. The process to apply along with the application form and specific job information are available at www.nemcsa.org or call 989/356-3474. Upon request auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center "Voice and TTY/TDD" 1-800-649-3777. An EOE.

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #2, #3 & #5 from \$300 - \$475, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. No pets, 11010 N. Old 27, Mike at 231-590-3699 or Leo 877-227-6976. (12/10/09/tf/2)

BRAND NEW HOME for rent, 3,000 sq. feet, no pets, \$1,100 month, first and last security. Located in Houghton Lake, off Snowbowl Rd. Call 989-821-1122. (-10-17/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX 700 sq. feet, new insulation, drywall, doors, etc. Storage, laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, adult nonsmoking unit. \$495, 700a Smith St. Phone 348-2178. (12/07/09/tf/2)

FOR LEASE 900 sq. feet commercial. Nice, clean place with private bath. Reasonably priced 989-348-8999. (-10-17-24-31/2)

FOR RENT OLDER HOME located at 301 Huron St., in the city of Grayling. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/17/09/tf/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

FOR RENT LARGE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, attached 2 1/2 car garage home south of Grayling with fireplace. This is an exceptional rental with many extras and very clean. Will consider pet. References and security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-10-17/2)

HOUSE OR APARTMENT for rent 348-3215. (-10-17/2)

FOR RENT 3 BR, 1 bath home on East Branch of the AuSable River in Grayling. Garage, fenced yard, 2 large decks, patio, w/d, refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher included. \$750 month plus deposit and utilities. References may be requested. 989-348-4285. (-17/2)

FOR RENT WONDERFUL 4 bedroom home located on Fawn Lake near Waters. This home sits on the shore of Fawn Lake, with a huge deck and lots of windows facing the water. Large heated garage and lots of storage space \$650 per month, plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/17/09/tf/2)

5 YEAR OLD LOG cabin, 2 bedrooms, large bath in Hartwick Pines off 93. \$700 a month, 248-388-2623. (-17/2)

3. Employment

FIFTH THIRD BANK Customer Service Manager. Seeking an energetic individual to fill this full-time position in our Grayling Banking Center. The responsibilities include supervision of the customer service staff, supporting bank sales, and daily operations and audit work for the banking center. The successful individual will possess: Previous retail management experience, excellent sales skills, previous cash handling/balancing experience. Excellent benefits package are provided including, health, dental, and life insurance and great 401K plan. All qualified applicants should apply on line at www.53.com/careers. Fifth Third Bank is proud to be an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. M/F/D/V. (-17/3)

NEEDED Michigan State Certified auto mechanic. Must have experience and references. Full time position beginning immediately. Apply in person with resume, see George Fenton, Jr. Fenton's Auto Service, 602 North James St., Grayling 989-348-5242. (-17-24/3)

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-15-22-19-5-12-19-26-3-10-17-24-31/3)

AREA COMPANY NOW HIRING full time customer service representatives. Starting pay \$1,600 monthly plus bonuses and vacations, corporate training provided. All applicants must be neat in appearance and be able to start work immediately. Call for interview 989-732-2175. (-17/3)

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find a new job. (989) 348-6811.

1. Real Estate

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Celebrating 30 Years in Crawford County

12-13-1979



NEW SALESMAN: Ye Olde Realty & Auction Company is pleased to announce the addition of Pete Kocefas to its sales staff. Pete moved to Grayling three and a half years ago to handle the Detroit Free Press agency. He has completed all the state requirements necessary to be licensed as a real estate salesperson. Pete would be happy to help you with any of your real estate needs, whether you are looking for a new home, vacant or investment property, or selling your current home. Ye Olde Realty & Auction Company is a member of the Grayling Multi-List Association, Farm & Land Institute, and Water/Wonderland Board of REALTORS. Any property listed with Ye Olde Realty & Auction Company receives maximum exposure to the buying market in the Crawford County area. You can reach Pete at his office 348-5471 or home 348-5027.

12-13-2009



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3. Employment

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS

Michigan's Wireless Expert, is looking for an enthusiastic & cheerful individual to fill a Sales Associate positions in its Grayling Retail Store. Retail or sales experience required. Position requires extensive customer service & sales skills. Knowledge/interest in cellular phones & satellite television will enhance the opportunity for success. We will accept full or part-time applicants. Income is hourly + commission. Bring resume to 2370 S. I 75 Business Loop (Grayling Mall) or complete an application at www.basiccommunications.com. (-10-17/3)

WANTED Dependable, outgoing person to fill the part time Night Auditor shift at Days Inn, Grayling. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Computer and phone experience preferred. Apply in person at 2556 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. No phone calls please. (-17/3)

MILLTOWN AUTO PAINTING is looking for a collision technician and painter. Must be state certified, call 989-348-6288. (-17-24/3)

CURVES is looking for a part time fitness tech. If you are energetic and love to work with people, call 989-348-1055. (-17-24/3)

4. Services Offered

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES start again in February at Hanson Hills pre-registration required, contact caninebydesign@hotmail.com, or Bert Abbott 989-786-7144. Gift certificates available! (-17-24/4)

SNOW! ROOFS, WALKS, DRIVES and all your snow removal needs. Hardwood \$55 a cord, delivered. Call 989-390-5102 or 989-233-0736. (-17/5)

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Grayling/Roscommon

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

RICHIE'S A-1 SNOW-PLOWING 989-348-5350, cell 660-815-2922. (-3-10-17-24/4)

I CHARGE by the job not by the hour. Clearing snow off sidewalks, decks, porches, off roofs, off houses, trailers, garages, sheds. 989-348-5081. (-10-17/4)

SNOW PLOWING Residential. commercial. Free estimates. 989-619-9874. (-10-17/4)

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APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-3-10-17-24-31/4)

Brand new Edenpure Heaters only \$23.95 a week for 18 weeks. Total cost \$431.00. Continental Homecenters.

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11. Automotive

8. Announcements

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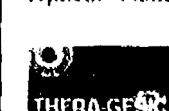
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